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# Nonstandard theory of functional and arithmetical divisors

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Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  be the field of rational numbers and  ${}^*\mathbb{Q}$  an ultrapower of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be an irreducible plane curve defined by

$$f(X, Y) = 0$$

where  $f$  is an irreducible polynomial whose coefficients are contained in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Assume that there are infinitely many rational points on  $\Gamma$ , then there exists a nonstandard rational point  $(x, y)$  on  $\Gamma$ .

Since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is relatively algebraically closed in  ${}^*\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $x$  is transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Hence the field  $F = \mathbb{Q}(x, y)$  is the function field of one variable of  $\Gamma$ . Now we have the situation

$$\begin{array}{c} {}^*\mathbb{Q} \\ | \\ F = \mathbb{Q}(x, y) \\ | \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{array} \quad (1)$$

In this situation we have two kinds of prime divisors, arithmetic prime divisors and functional prime divisors. By arithmetical prime divisors, we mean prime divisors of  $^*\mathbb{Q}$ , namely archimedean absolute value or nonarchimedean valuation. Nonarchimedean valuations are correspond to prime numbers of  $^*\mathbb{Q}$ . By functional prime divisors we mean nontrivial valuations of  $F$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

In their paper, A. Robinson and P. Roquette gave a relation between arithmetical and functional prime divisors.

*Lemma 1. Every functional prime divisor is induced by an arithmetical prime divisor.*

Using this lemma, they gave an another proof of so called the first fundamental inequality of Siegel;

*Let  $u, v$  be any nonconstants of  $F$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C$  such that for any rational point  $P$  on  $\Gamma$ , if  $H(P) > C$ , then*

$$\left| \frac{\log H(u(P))}{\log H(v(P))} - \frac{[F; \mathbb{Q}(u)]}{[F; \mathbb{Q}(v)]} \right| < \epsilon$$

*where  $H$  is the height function.*

Our aim is to generalize the siegels inequality to be

applicable to algebraic surfaces.

**Theorem.** *Let  $V$  be an irreducible algebraic surface defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $G$  the function field of  $V$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $t \in G$  be transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $u, v$  transcendental over  $\mathbb{Q}(t)$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C$  such that for any rational point  $P$  on  $V$  if*

$$\min(H(u(P)), H(v(P))) > H(t(P))^C > C^C,$$

*then*

$$\left| \frac{\log H(u(P))}{\log H(v(P))} - \frac{[G; \mathbb{Q}(t, u)]}{[G; \mathbb{Q}(t, v)]} \right| < \epsilon.$$

To prove Theorem, we introduce  $H$ -convex subfields of  ${}^*\mathbb{Q}$ .

A subfield  $K$  of  ${}^*\mathbb{Q}$  is called  $H$ -convex if  $H(a) \leq H(b)$  and  $b \in K$  imply  $a \in K$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Q}_1$  be a  $H$ -convex subfield of  ${}^*\mathbb{Q}$  and  $F$  is a function field of one variable over  $\mathbb{Q}_1$ , embedded into  ${}^*\mathbb{Q}$ . Now we have the same situation as before, but unfortunately Lemma 1 does not hold in this case. Hence we must slightly modify Lemma 1 as follows.

Let  $R_\infty = \{\beta/\alpha \in {}^*\mathbb{Q} \mid |\beta/\alpha| < \gamma \text{ for some } \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_1\}$ , then  $R_\infty$  is a valuation ring whose maximal ideal is  $\{\beta/\alpha \in {}^*\mathbb{Q} \mid |\beta/\alpha| < 1/\gamma \text{ for all } \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_1\}$

where  $Z_1 = {}^*\mathbb{Z} \cap Q_1$ .

Let  $R = \{\beta/\alpha \in {}^*\mathbb{Q} \mid \alpha \in Z_1, \beta \in {}^*\mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $I$  a maximal ideal of  $R$ . Then the local ring of  $I$  is a valuation ring which we denote by  $R_I$ .

If  $F \cap R_\infty$  is not trivial, namely  $F \not\subseteq R_\infty$ , then  $F \cap R_\infty$  is a valuation ring. Since  $F \cap R_\infty \supset Q_1$ , this valuation ring yields a functional prime  $P$  of  $F$ . We say that  $P$  is induced by the archimedean prime. If  $R_I \cap F$  is not trivial, then  $R_I \cap F$  also yields a functional prime  $P$  of  $F$ . We say that  $P$  is induced by  $I$ .

*Lemma 2. Every functional prime  $P$  is induced by the archimedean prime or a maximal ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* By the theorem of Riemann-Roch, there exists  $\beta/\alpha$  which admits  $P$  as its only pole. If  $|\beta/\alpha| > \gamma$  for all  $\gamma \in Z_1$ , then  $\beta/\alpha \notin R_\infty$ . Hence  $\beta/\alpha \notin R_\infty \cap F$ . Then the functional prime induced by the archimedean prime is a pole of  $\beta/\alpha$ . Since  $P$  is the only functional prime which is a pole of  $\beta/\alpha$ ,  $P$  is induced by the archimedean prime. If  $|\beta/\alpha| < \gamma$  for some  $\gamma \in Z_1$ , then  $\alpha \in {}^*\mathbb{Z} - Z_1$  because  $\beta/\alpha$  is a nonconstant. Let  $I_\alpha$  be a maximal ideal of which contains  $\alpha$ . Then the local ring of  $I_\alpha$  does not contain  $\beta/\alpha$ .

Then  $\beta/\alpha \notin R_{I_\alpha} \cap F$ . By the same arguments as above,  $P$  is induced by  $I_\alpha$ . Lemma 2 is proved.

For details of proof of Theorem, Please refer to [2].

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